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SUBJ: FURTHER INFO ON NIMEIRI VISIT DAMASCUS

REF: KHARTOUM 0657

1. ACTING FONMIN MUSA TOLD ME APRIL 3 THAT NIMEIRI'S
RECENT VISIT SYRIA HAD CONFIRMED HAS ASSESSMENT MODERATE AND
CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE PRESIDENT ASAD. NIMEIRI FELT THAT ASAD,
DEPUTY PRIMIN KHADDAM AND MODERATE ARMY OFFICERS GENUINELY
DESIRED SYRO/ISRAELI SETTLEMENT. BAATHIST EXTREMISTS, TOGETHER
WITH IRAQIS, CREATED PROBLEM FOR ASAD. NIMEIRI WAS CONVINCED
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RUSSRUNS WERE BEHIND THIS INTRANSIGANCE. MUSA COMMENTED

THAT THE ONE ASPECT CURRENT USG POLICY WITH WHICH NIMEIRI COULD NEVER AGREE WAS APPARENT BELIEF WE COULD "TRUST RUSSIANS". NIMEIRI RETURNED FROM DAMASCUS CONVINCED THAT SOVIETS COULD DO MORE, PARTICULARLY IN BAGHDAD, WHICH WOULD ASSIST IN GIVING ASAD AND OTHER SYRIAN MODERATES GREATER FLEXIBILITY.

2. IN CONNECTION FOREGOING, MUSA SAID EVERYONE AWAITING SIGNIFICANT SPEECH SADAT SCHEDULED MAKE LATER APRIL 3. IT WAS RUMORED SADAT WOULD USE OCCASION TO DENOUNCE SOVIET/EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT WHICH AUTHORIZED USSR COME TO AID EGYPTIANS IN CASE HOSTILITIES. MUSA CLAIMED SADAT FELT RUSSIANS HAD NOT DONE SO LAST OCTOBER.

3. COMMENT: ANY SUCH ANTI-SOVIET ATTITUDE ON PART SADAT WOULD PRESUMABLY HAVE BEEN REENFORCED BY NIMEIRI DURING THEIR ALEXANDRIA MEETING APRIL 2 (KHARTOUM 706, NOTAL).
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